

November 26, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM FOR FRONT LINE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA (ALL AFFECTED) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Close the public hearing on appropriation of front line law enforcement services funds allocated by the legislature in support of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program for the Los Angeles County unincorporated area.
2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment transferring \$3,659,000 and \$323,000 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Operating Budgets, respectively.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Section 30061 of the Government Code (Chapter 352, Statutes of 2000), requires the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing to consider any written requests submitted by the District Attorney and the Sheriff for use of COPS funds allocated for front line law enforcement services in the unincorporated area. Attached are the Sheriff's and District Attorney's requests for front line law enforcement services in the unincorporated area.

State law requires the Board to consider written requests submitted by the District Attorney and the Sheriff for the use of funds allocated for the unincorporated area separate and apart from the process applicable to proposed allocations of the County general fund.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The additional funding will allow both departments to continue to provide front line law enforcement services in the unincorporated area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

In addition to the Sheriff's 2002-03 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services allocation of \$1,720,000, the Sheriff's request contains \$1,939,000 in carryover funding from the unused 2001-02 allocation and interest earnings. Although the District Attorney's request for the 2002-03 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services allocation is \$430,000, the Chief Administrative Office recommends funding of \$323,000. The requested action will increase appropriation by \$3,982,000 in the affected departments. There is no net County cost impact.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 2002 COPS program allocates \$29.0 million for supplemental law enforcement services provided in the Los Angeles County area, for distribution on the following basis:

- 12.5 percent, or \$3.4 million, to the Sheriff for jail construction and operation. This amount is already included in the 2002-03 Adopted Budget
- 12.5 percent, or \$3.4 million, to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution. This amount is already included in the 2002-03 Adopted Budget.
- \$20.2 million, to cities to provide a minimum of \$100,000 for each city and \$2.0 million for the County, in accordance with the relative population of the unincorporated area, exclusively to provide front line law enforcement services.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The additional funding will provide additional resources to be applied at the local level for the purpose of ensuring public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments (3)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor Controller  
Sheriff  
District Attorney  
County Counsel

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